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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's 2016 Integrated Resource Plan

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code § 58-37-40, enclosed for filing is Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or the "Company") 2016 Integrated Resource Plan Annual Report ("2016 DEC IRP"). In addition to the Public Version of the 2016 DEC IRP being electronically filed with the Commission, we are also hand delivering to the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff copies of the Public and Confidential Versions.

Portions of the 2016 DEC IRP contain certain confidential information that should be protected from public disclosure. Pages 144 – 147 and pages 158-159 contain confidential and proprietary information regarding Busbar Screening Curves and wholesale sales and purchased power contracts. Public disclosure of this information would harm DEC's ability to negotiate and sell or procure cost-effective purchases, discourage potential bidders from participating in requests for proposals, and impede DEC's ability to compete in the wholesale market.

Accordingly the Company is filing these documents under seal; they should be treated as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226, "Order Requiring Designation of Confidential Materials" and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(s)(2) and under the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann § 30-4-10 et seq. and protected from public disclosure.

Please consider this correspondence as Duke Energy Carolinas' Motion for Confidential Treatment of the above-referenced information.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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Enclosures

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